

**Amendments to the Claims:**

10. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a tampon comprising a tampon body and a withdrawal tape, said method comprising the steps of: positioning the withdrawal tape around a ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band such that the withdrawal tape extends transversely to and laterally beyond the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band; rolling and pressing the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band to form the tampon body with the withdrawal tape fastened therein; and knotting the withdrawal tape outside the tampon body to form a releasable loop.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a tampon comprising the steps of: positioning the withdrawal tape around a ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band such that the withdrawal tape extends transversely to the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band and a portion of the withdrawal tape extends laterally beyond the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band; and folding the portion of the withdrawal tape that extends beyond the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band partly onto the fabric tampon band; rolling and pressing the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band to form a tampon body with the withdrawal tape fastened therein and to retain the folded portion of the withdrawal tape in the tampon.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the withdrawal tape is folded onto the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band in a direction selected from the group consisting of parallel to, obliquely in relation to, or perpendicularly to the transverse direction of the ~~fibrous~~ fabric tampon ~~web~~ band.